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U. S. 2005 DRY PEAS and LENTIL BOTH ACREAGE RECORD HIGHS NORTH DAKOTA and MONTANA GAIN

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 12, 2005--**Dry Edible Peas:** Planted acres of dry edible peas in the United States is expected to reach a record 804,000 acres, 52 percent above 2004. Harvested area is forecast at 772,000 acres, also up 52 percent from 2004. Contributing most to this increase was area planted in North Dakota. At 530,000 acres, this would be 71 percent above a year ago and also a record high for the State. Good growing conditions during late April and early May encouraged producers to plant dry peas as an alternative crop to small grains. Montana dry edible pea growers planted 135,000 acres, up 99 percent from a year ago. Washington farmers planted dry edible peas on 80,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2004. Planting was completed by the end of May when sporadic rainfall brought much needed relief to the drought.

Lentils: Planted acreage of lentils in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Washington is estimated at 450,000 acres, up 30 percent from 2004 and almost double the 2002 planted acreage. Montana growers planted 170,000 acres, 118 percent greater than 2004 in part due to better marketing opportunities and new government Loan Deficiency Payment rates. Washington growers planted 85,000 acres compared with 95,000 last year. Washington falls to third place behind Montana and North Dakota in planted acres.

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Dry Edible Peas: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production, by States, and U.S., 2004-2005 1/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres			
Idaho	57.0	55.0	55.0	53.0
Montana	68.0	135.0	63.0	125.0
North Dakota	310.0	530.0	296.0	510.0
Oregon	7.0	4.0	6.8	4.0
Washington	88.0	80.0	87.0	80.0
United States	530.0	804.0	507.8	772.0

1/ Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas.

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State	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres			
Idaho	72.0	65.0	70.0	63.0
Montana	78.0	170.0	72.0	155.0
North Dakota	100.0	130.0	94.0	127.0
Washington	95.0	85.0	93.0	85.0
United States	345.0	450.0	329.0	430.0

Dry Edible Peas: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1995-2005

Crop Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1995	112,000	111,000	2,500	2,775,000	9.60	26,640	240
1996	109,000	108,000	1,300	1,404,000	11.60	16,286	151
1997	126,000	126,000	2,080	2,621,000	7.80	20,444	162
1998	108,000	108,000	2,170	2,344,000	7.80	18,283	169
1999	110,000	110,000	2,020	2,222,000	5.80	12,888	117
2000	65,000	65,000	2,100	1,365,000	6.00	8,190	126
2001	62,000	62,000	2,000	1,240,000	6.40	7,936	128
2002	76,000	76,000	2,000	1,520,000	8.85	13,452	177
2003	83,000	82,000	1,500	1,230,000	8.80	10,824	132
2004	88,000	87,000	2,400	2,088,000	7.00	14,616	168
2005	80,000	80,000					

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	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1995	79,000	75,000	1,400	1,050,000	16.90	17,745	237
1996	63,000	62,000	1,100	682,000	17.20	11,730	189
1997	83,000	82,000	1,360	1,115,000	13.00	14,495	177
1998	62,000	62,000	1,350	837,000	11.80	9,877	159
1999	75,000	75,000	1,300	975,000	12.30	11,993	160
2000	85,000	85,000	1,500	1,275,000	9.80	12,495	147
2001	80,000	80,000	1,600	1,280,000	9.40	12,032	150
2002	80,000	80,000	1,400	1,120,000	15.20	17,024	213
2003	93,000	91,000	1,000	910,000	18.20	16,562	182
2004	95,000	93,000	1,200	1,116,000	16.10	17,968	193
2005	85,000	85,000					